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SUBJECT: LA PRENSA SUPPORTS BELIZE SIDE

1. NICARAGUA'S LARGEST PAPER, OPPOSITION LA PRENSA, VAME DOWN DECIDEDLY ON THE BELIZE SIDE IN THE CURRENT DISPUTE WITH AN EIGHT-COLUMN HEADLINE IN ITS NOVEMBER 17 EDITION PROCLAIMING "BELIZE FOR BELICENOS". THE HEADLINE ENCAPSULATED THE OPINION GAINED BY A LA PRENSA CORRESPONDENT DURING A VISIT TO BELIZE THE PRECEDING WEEKEND BOLSTERED BY A SERIES OF ARTICLES AND PHOTOS VERY SYMPATHETIC TO THE BELIZE CAUSE. LA PRENSA HAD PREVIOUSLY STRADDLED THE ISSUE PUBLISHING LEARED COLLOQUIES DESCRIBING THE POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES.

2. SOMOZA-OWNED NOVEDADES HAS CONTINUED TO REFLECT

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THE PRESIDENT'S HESITANT ENDORSEMENT OF THE GUATEMALA

CASE WITH SEVERAL UNSENSATIONALLY PRESENTED ARTICLES
HIGHLIGHTING THE GUATEMALAN JURIDICAL CASE.

3. COMMENT: THE ADOPTION OF THE LA PRENSA POSITION MAY
HAVE BEEN A RARE TRIUMPH OF CONSCIENCE OVER OPPORTUNISM.
LA PRENSA DIRECTOR PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO IS SCHEDULED
TO GO TO GUATEMALA NEXT WEEK TO RECEIVE AN AWARD FROM
THE GUATEMALAN JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION AND THE LA PRENSA
ATTITUDE ON BELIZE COULD BE EMBARRASSING.
WARNER

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